GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5273
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TOBACCO BOARD
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tobacco Board has decided to impose a crop holiday for the 2000-2001 season in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a) to c) : Tobacco Board has decided not to undertake any fresh registration of tobacco growers in Andhra Pradesh for the time being in the current year. This has been done with a view to help the tobacco growers in distress as a result of excess crop production in the recent past. Government has decided to induct State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (STC) to enter the market to instil a competition in the marketing operation of FCV tobacco.